AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0122] on page 34, as follows:

In response to a PKI-related information acquisition request from the PKI-related information acquisition determination request section 205, the PKI-related information selective receiving section 211 requests the broadcast signal receiving and separation section 212 to transfer the PKI-related information separated from the broadcast signal. Even when there is no PKI-related information acquisition instruction from the distribution device 200 110, the PKI-related information selective receiving section 211 acquires PKI-related information steadily multiplexed to a broadcast signal from the broadcast signal receiving and separation section 212.

Please amend paragraph [0124] on page 35, as follows:

FIG. 6 is a flowchart showing an operation of the distribution device 110 and the terminal device 210 in the information distribution system according to the second embodiment. Hereinafter, with reference to FIG. 6, the operation of the distribution device 110 and the terminal device 210 in the information distribution system according to the second first embodiment will be described.

Please amend paragraph [0129] on page 36, as follows:

The broadcast signal receiving and separation section 212 of the terminal device 210 200 selects a channel of the signal to be received, and transfers the ECM to the ECM acquisition section 204 (step S401).

Please amend paragraph [0131] on page 37, as follows:

When no PKI-related information acquisition instruction flag is included, the terminal device 210 200-terminates the processing regarding the PKI-related information acquisition. In parallel with this, the terminal device 210 reproduces the content in a content utilization section (not shown).

Please amend paragraph [0158] on page 46, as follows:

The information acquisition request processing section 124 of the distribution section 120 receives the license information transmission request from the terminal device 220 via the first communication section 107 (step S501). When the requested license information of the user (or the corresponding terminal device-200_220) is not stored in the license accumulation section 125 at this point, the information acquisition request processing section 124 returns an error to the terminal device-200_220.

Please amend paragraph [0164] on page 47, as follows:

Next, the PKI-related information acquisition determination request section 224 refers to the PKI-related information holding section 206 to acquire the size of the CRL held therein (step S603). Next, the PKI-related information acquisition determination request section 224 determines whether or not the size of the CRL held by the terminal device <u>220</u> is smaller than the latest CRL size (step S604). In the case where the size of the CRL increases in a monotone increase manner, a smaller CRL size indicates an older CRL.